

**Finance and Administration  
County Costs**

	<b>Revised FY 2006</b>	<b>Requested FY 2007</b>	<b>Requested FY 2008</b>	<b>Recommended FY 2007</b>	<b>Recommended FY 2008</b>
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>General Fund</b>					
Regular Appropriation	18,681,500	18,681,500	18,681,500	19,181,500	20,481,500
<b>Total General Fund</b>	18,681,500	18,681,500	18,681,500	19,181,500	20,481,500
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Balance Forward	204,000	156,000	83,000	156,000	83,000
Current Receipts	1,877,000	1,877,000	1,877,000	1,877,000	1,877,000
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	2,081,000	2,033,000	1,960,000	2,033,000	1,960,000
<b>TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>	20,762,500	20,714,500	20,641,500	21,214,500	22,441,500
<b>EXPENDITURES BY CLASS</b>					
Personnel Cost	1,650,000	1,675,000	1,675,000	1,675,000	1,675,000
Operating Expenses	14,631,500	14,631,500	14,631,500	15,131,500	16,431,500
Grants, Loans or Benefits	4,325,000	4,325,000	4,325,000	4,325,000	4,325,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	20,606,500	20,631,500	20,631,500	21,131,500	22,431,500
<b>EXPENDITURES BY FUND SOURCE</b>					
General Fund	18,681,500	18,681,500	18,681,500	19,181,500	20,481,500
Restricted Funds	1,925,000	1,950,000	1,950,000	1,950,000	1,950,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	20,606,500	20,631,500	20,631,500	21,131,500	22,431,500
<b>EXPENDITURES BY UNIT</b>					
Public Defender Program	1,600,000	1,625,000	1,625,000	1,625,000	1,625,000
Witnesses	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000
DUI Service Fees	1,425,000	1,425,000	1,425,000	1,425,000	1,425,000
Sheriffs Fees'	8,834,000	8,834,000	8,834,000	9,334,000	10,634,000
County Clerks (Make Tax Bills)	320,000	320,000	320,000	320,000	320,000
Board Of Assessment Appeals	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Fugitive From Justice	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
Jury Fund	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000
Sheriffs Expense Allowance	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Premium On Sheriffs' Bonds	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Access to Justice	2,900,000	2,900,000	2,900,000	2,900,000	2,900,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	20,606,500	20,631,500	20,631,500	21,131,500	22,431,500

The County Cost program pays local officials for the performance of functions required by state statutes. For example, a sheriff is paid by the state for services rendered to the state for enforcing state laws. This falls within the Criminal Prosecutions program. A witness in a state court trial is paid by the state for performing a function required by state statute. This is an example of the Miscellaneous Fee program. Payments under the County Costs program are statutorily mandated and are regarded as a necessary governmental expense.

Under KRS 27A.630, as amended by House Bill 163 in the 2003 session of the General Assembly, filing fees for civil actions include \$20 in Circuit Court and \$10 in District Court to support access to justice by indigent clients. The fees are paid to the General Fund, and the Finance and Administration Cabinet distributes them monthly to non-profit agencies designated by the Chief Justice in each judicial district to provide the legal services.

KRS 31.185 requires the fiscal court or legislative body of an urban county government, containing less than ten circuit judges, to annually appropriate twelve and one-half (\$0.125) cents per capita, of the population of the county as determined by the

Council of Local Governments' most recent population statistics, to a special account to be administered by the Finance and Administration Cabinet. The funds, which shall not lapse, shall be used to pay all court orders (KRS 31.185) that have been entered into as a result of a needy defendant's motion for funding assistance. If the funds are depleted in any given year, any unpaid court orders will be paid as a judgment against the Commonwealth.

### **Policy**

Funds required to pay county costs are appropriated and additional funds may be allotted from the General Fund Surplus Account (KRS 48.700) or the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705) by the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet as a necessary governmental expense, subject to the conditions and procedures provided in the Appropriations Act.

The Governor's recommended budget includes additional General Funds in the amount of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2006-2007 and \$1,800,000 in fiscal year 2007-2008 to pay expected increases in claims from the county sheriff's. These claims will be for increased court security costs associated with the new or upgraded courthouses that are expected to be completed in the upcoming biennium. These courthouse projects were authorized by previous sessions of the General Assembly.